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1. SESSION WITH OULD ROUIS, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS DIVISION OF FONMIN, SCHEDULED FOR EVENING OCTOBER 8 POSTPONED AGAIN BY ALGERIANS. OULD ROUIS EXPLAINED THAT AIT CHAALAL, HEAD OF ALGERIAN DEL TO PREPCON II (SEE REF A) BEING RECALLED FROM BRUSSELS FOR CONSULTATIONS TO BE HELD OCTOBER 9, AND THAT ALGERIANS WOULD NOT BE READY DISCUSS RESPONSE TO POINTS CONTAINED REF C UNTIL MORNING OCTOBER 10.

2. ALGERIAN DELEGATION AS FOLLOWS: AIT CHALLAL; SID AHMED GHOZALI, PRESIDENT/DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SONATRACH; FARHAT LOUNES, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS AT FONMIN; BACHIR OULD ROUIS, CHIEF OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS DIVISION AT FONMIN; ABDUL WAHHAB KARAMAN, TECHNICAL ADVISOR AT MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY; MUAMAR BOUGARA, DIRECTOR OF STUDIES, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY, AND ONE OFFICER FROM ALGERIAN EMBASSY IN PARIS.

3. RE BILATERAL WITH UNDERSECRETARY ROBINSON, AIT CHAALAL WILL BE OCCUPIED WITH GROUP OF SEVEN MEETING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12. FOREIGN MINISTRY
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SUGGESTS MEETING MORNING OF OCTOBER 13, PERHAPS FOR

BREAKFAST. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. RE SUBSTANCE, FOLLOWING CLARIFICATION NECESSARY
ON ALGERIAN POSITION RE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS/
OBSERVERS AT COMMISSIONS. ORIGINAL ALGERIAN POSITION
WAS NOT RPT NOT THAT LIMITATION OF 15 IN COMMISSIONS
UNJUSTIFIED (AS REPORTED ALGIERS 3045) BUT THAT
LIMITATION UNJUSTIFIED EXCEPT ON GROUNDS OF IMPROVED
EFFICIENCY. IN OTHER WORDS, ALGERIAN POSITION APPEARS
TO BE AS NOTED IN COMMENT (PARA 4C OF ALGIERS 3045)
THAT ALGERIANS WILLING ACCEPT LIMITATION OF 15, WHILE
SUPPORTING OBSERVER STATUS FOR ALL INTERESTED PARTICIPANTS
IN EACH COMMISSION. ERROR WAS DUE TO FAULTY ORAL
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